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REMARKS

The foregoing amendments retain the elected claims 1-21 (see below) unchanged, cancel the non-elected claims, and add new claims 30 to 34 to give applicants the full scope of the protection to which they believe themselves entitled. Claims 30-34 are based upon, *inter alia*, Paragraphs 94 and 109 (which specifically describe the formation of polymer shells using two or more monomers) and Examples 4, 14 and 20, all of which illustrate the preparation of polymer shells containing more than one monomer. Applicants appreciate that the Examiner may hold these claims withdrawn from consideration as directed to a non-elected invention, but believe it to be in their interests to make these additional claims of record at this time.

In response to the election requirement in the Office Action, applicants hereby elect Group I, claims 1-21. This election is made without traverse, and accordingly the non-elected claims 22-29 have been cancelled without prejudice to applicants' rights to file additional continuation and/or divisional applications directed to the subject matter of these cancelled claims.

This application now contains 26 claims, including two independent claims. Since applicants have already paid fees for 29 claims, including four independent claims, no additional claim fees are required in connection with this Amendment.

An Information Disclosure Statement is being filed herewith.

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